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might be provided that upon the filing of a duly authenticated copy of the judgment of any Court of Her Majesty's Dominions in any other Court in any other part of her dominions, having jurisdiction to entertain an action upon such judgment, the judgment shall become a judgment of the latter Court, and enforceable by process to be issued therefrom, as if originally recovered therein.

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THE annual dinner of this Society was held on the 22nd ult., in the new hall of Osgoode, which, by special leave of the Benchers, was given to the Society for the purpose.

The chair was taken by the President of the Society, Mr. G. T. Blackstock. Amongst the guests were the Lieutenant-Governor, Archbishop Lynch, the Bishop of Toronto, Chief Justice Hagarty, the Chancellor, Hon. Mr. Justice Burton, Hon. Mr. Justice Patterson, the Attorney-General, Sheriff Jarvis, Judge McDougall, Christopher Robinson, Q.C., S. H. Blake, Q.C., James Maclellan, Q.C., etc.

The arrangements were all that could have been desired, reflecting great credit on the committee, which consisted of Messrs. J. A. Mackintosh, A. Green, A. B. Cox, D. J. Symons, J. A. Carson, A. H. Lefroy and W. E. Raney.

The usual toasts were duly proposed, and received with wonted enthusiasm.

The Lieutenant-Governor, in the course of his reply to the toast of the Governor-General and the Lieutenant-Governor, related an incident apropos of the recent call to arms. His father, the then Chief Justice of Upper Canada, as, of course, all know, shouldered his musket as a private at the time of the Rebellion in 1837. Amongst the volunteers of that day was the present Premier of Canada. He had a case ripe for hearing before the Chief, and meeting the opposing counsel in the street was told that the latter had just argued his side of the case before the Chief Justice. Mr. Macdonald expressed doubt and surprise, as only a few days before he had met the Chief with his musket in his hand. When convinced that it was as stated he rushed off to Osgoode Hall and into Court, and argued his case before his fellow-soldier, none the less well because he had his uniform on and his musket beside him. The Lieutenant-Governor, in the course of his remarks, emphasized a suggestion that it would be well to have portraits of the various Chief Justices of Upper Canada obtained and hung on the walls of the hall, and so

complete the gallery begun by the portrait of Chief Justice Osgoode.

The Attorney-General replied to the toast "Canada," which was well given by Mr. Raney, the Vice-President of the Society. Mr. Mowat referred to various thoughts which have been expressed as to the future of the Dominion, which elicited a response from the meeting that those present were not favourable either to annexation or to independence, and he himself rejoiced in the fact that devotion to the interest of Canada was consistent with continued connection with the mother country.

The toast of "The Army and Navy, and Men at the Front" was eloquently proposed by Mr. A. H. Lefroy, and responded to by Mr. W. B. McMurrich, and was, of course, received with hearty cheers.

Mr. Christopher Robinson, who proposed "The Bench," was, on rising, received with an ovation which showed very clearly the feeling of respect, admiration and regard which his brethren have for so worthy a successor of his illustrious father. After suggesting that it was appropriate that one who had "talked the judges to death for nearly thirty years should now propose their health"; he referred in a most happy way to the traditions of the Bench and Bar of Ontario, which, for now nearly a century of our judicial history, was unbroken in their harmony and kindly feeling. His word of counsel to the youngsters was that by no act of theirs should this tradition ever be broken.

The Chief Justice responded in one of his witty and humorous speeches. He playfully alluded to the time when he had for the long and prosperous period of ten days held the reins of government in Ontario, during which time amongst the exports he noticed that there were some nineteen attorneys sent to Winnipeg, as was shewn in a return contained in one of the schedules of the Nuisances Removal Act, (this, he remarked, was a very good joke for the Court of Appeal, where anything in the nature of a witticism was always promptly frowned down). Although ably supported by the Attorney-General he at length succumbed to the arduous duties of the office; the last straw was his being compelled to join in the responsible task of appointing of Division Court Bailiffs. However, he appointed men who, as he was informed by his constitutional advisers, were "of good character, and their politics unexceptionable." The Chief Justice, in speaking of the good feeling which has always characterized the relations between the Bench and Bar of Ontario, said it was due to a great extent to the example of such men as the Mansfield of Canada, Sir John Beverley Robinson,